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SUBJECT: CAMP PROFILE OF HARD-TO-PLACE REFUGEES

FOR ALL SENIOR CIVIL COORDINATORS

L. IT HAS BECOME EVIDENT DURING THE LAST WEEKS THAT CERTAIN GROUPS OF REFUGEES ARE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO SPONSOR BECAUSE OF PARTICULAR ECONOMIC, SOCIAL OR FAMILY FACTORS. A CASE IN POINT IS THE REFUGEE CAMP AT EGLIN AFB WHERE SEVERAL HUNDRED VIETNAMESE REFUGEES HAD TO BE TRANSFERRED TO FORT CHAFFEE BECAUSE IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO SPONSOR THEM BEFORE THE CAMP WAS CLOSED. OF THE REFUGEES TRANSFERRED TO FORT CHAFFEE MANY HAD REFUSED SPONSORSHIP OFFERS WHICH THE VOLAGS FELT WERE ACCEPTABLE. OTHERS HOWEVER, HAD NEVER RECEIVED ANY SPONSORSHIP OFFERS BECAUSE THE VOLAGS HAD NEITHER THE TIME NOR THE RESOURCES TO PLACE THEM. SINCE REPORTS RECEIVED FROM THE OTHER CONUS CAMPS INDICATE THAT THEY TOO ARE ENCOUNTERING SIMILAR PROBLEMS, THERE IS A VERY REAL POSSIBILITY THAT SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF REFUGEES WILL PROVE UNCLASSIFIED

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DIFFICULT IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE TO SPONSOR UNDER THE PRESENT SPONSORSHIP SYSTEM. IN ORDER TO INSURE THAT ALL SEGMENTS OF THE VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIAN REFUGEES ARE SPONSORED OUT IN A TIMELY MANNER AND THAT ALL OF THE CAMPS CLOSE ON

SCHEDULE, IT IS NECESSARY TO RE-EXAMINE THE QUESTION OF THE HARD TO PLACE/SPONSOR REFUGEES AND TO INITIATE A NEW APPROACH TO THE SPONSORSHIP SYSTEM IF NECESSARY.

2. ON AUGUST 28, A JOINT HEW/IATF MEETING WAS HELD IN WASHINGTON AND IT WAS DECIDED TO SURVEY THE REMAINING VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIAN REFUGEES TO PINPOINT WHAT TYPES OF REFUGEES ARE HARD TO SPONSOR AND WHY. THE BASIS FOR THIS PROPOSED SURVEY WILL BE A STATISTICAL EXAMINATION BY COMPUTER OF THE EDUCATION, SKILLS, AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS OF THE REMAINING REFUGEES. HOWEVER, SINCE MOST OF THE REFUGEES FROM EGLIN AFB WERE TRANSFERRED TO FORT CHAFFEE BECAUSE THEY THEMSELVES HAD TURNED DOWN SPONSORSHIP OFFERS, IT WAS ALSO DECIDED THAT THE COMPUTER ANALYSIS WOULD HAVE TO BE MATCHED WITH A REFUGEE ATTITUDINAL SURVEY BEFORE ANY CONCLUSIONS COULD BE DRAWN. IN ORDER TO GATHER THE NECESSARY INFORMATION, THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL CONCERNS (OSC:IATF) IS NOW PREPARING TO DISPATCH TO THE REMAINING CONUS CAMPS SPECIAL TEAMS OF VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIAN FIELD EVALUATORS TO INTERVIEW REFUGEES AND TO UNCOVER ANY SPONSORSHIP PROBLEMS WHICH MIGHT NOT BE READILY IDENTIFIABLE BY COMPUTER ANALYSIS.

3. THE OSC TEAMS WILL BE COMPOSED OF ONE AMERICAN, WHO WILL COORDINATE THE TEAM'S ACTIVITIES AND VERIFY ALL INFORMATION GATHERED WITH THE STAFFS OF THE SENIOR CIVIL COORDINATORS AND THE VOLAGS, AND THREE VIETNAMESE STATE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES WITH EXPERIENCE IN SURVEYING REFUGEES' PERCEPTIONS. FOR INDIANTOWN GAP AND PENDLETON THE OSC TEAMS WILL ALSO INCLUDE ONE CAMBODIAN EVALUATOR.

4. A) FORT INDIANTOWN GAP. TEAM LEADER WILL ALTERNATELY BE STEVE SHEPLEY, STEVE ENGBERG AND DAVE WHITTEN. TEAM MEMBERS WILL BE NGUYEN THI HUE, TRAN TRI KIM DUNG, TRIHN NGOC DUNG AND MUM CHHOA PUTHSERAK (CAMBODIAN). THE TEAM WILL ARRIVE ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4.

5. B) FORT CHAFFEE. TEAM LEADER LEIGH MORSE. TEAM MEMBERS DANG VAN DE AND HA HIEU LONG. TEAM WILL BE JOINED UNCLASSIFIED

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BY ADRONG Y'KLONG WHO IS PRESENTLY WORKING AT FORT CHAFFEE. DE WILL ARRIVE IN FORT CHAFFEE ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, ACCOMPANIED BY JEFF MILLINGTON WHO WILL SPEND TWO DAYS THERE OBSERVING THE RECEPTION OF THE REFUGEES FROM EGLIN. MORSE AND LONG WILL ARRIVE ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.

6. C) PENDLETON. TEAM LEADER JEFF MILLINGTON. TEAM MEMBERS PHAN THI TRI, TRAN NGOC THOI, AND NGUYEN COA QUANG THEY WILL BE JOINED BY THANN WHO IS PRESENTLY WORKING AT PENDLETON. TEAM WILL ARRIVE ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7. (THANN REFERS TO MR. KONG THANN).

' ALL THREE OSC TEAMS ARE EXPECTED TO COMPLETE THEIR SURVEYS WITHIN 10 DAYS. ALL TRAVEL AND LODGING ARRANGE-

MENTS WILL BE MADE BY WASHINGTON.

8. BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANCE ATTACHED TO DEVELOPING A PROFILE OF THE HARD-TO-PLACE REFUGEES, IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE SENIOR CIVIL COORDINATOR ASSIST THE OSC SURVEY TEAMS IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE. IN PARTICULAR, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF COMPUTER PRINTOUTS COULD BE PREPARED WHICH LIST THE REMAINING REFUGEES BY SUCH TRADITIONALLY HARD TO PLACE CATEGORIES AS SINGLE MEN, LARGE FAMILIES, FISHERMEN, AND FARMERS.

9. IN CLOSING, IT SHOULD AGAIN BE EMPHASIZED THAT THE OSC TEAMS WILL BE VISITING THE CAMPS ONLY TO INTERVIEW REFUGEES AND TO HELP UNCOVER POSSIBLE PROBLEM AREAS. THEY WILL IN NO WAY BECOME INVOLVED WITH THE DAILY OPERATIONS OF EITHER THE CAMP AUTHORITIES OR OF THE VOLAG STAFFS. ALL INFORMATION GATHERED WILL BE SHARED FULLY WITH THE SENIOR CIVIL COORDINATOR UPON COMPLETION OF THE TEAM ASSIGNMENTS. ROBINSON

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